



# Brownfields 2008 Grant Fact Sheet

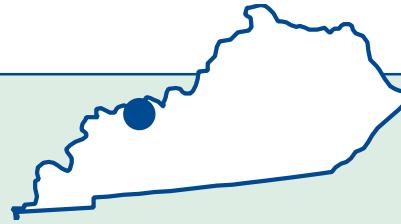
## Owensboro, KY

### EPA Brownfields Program

EPA's Brownfields Program empowers states, communities, and other stakeholders to work together to prevent, assess, safely clean up, and sustainably reuse brownfields. A brownfield site is real property, the expansion, redevelopment, or reuse of which may be complicated by the presence or potential presence of a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant. On January 11, 2002, President George W. Bush signed into law the Small Business Liability Relief and Brownfields Revitalization Act. Under this law, EPA provides financial assistance to eligible applicants through four competitive grant programs: assessment grants, revolving loan fund grants, cleanup grants, and job training grants. Additionally, funding support is provided to state and tribal response programs through a separate mechanism.

### Community Description

The City of Owensboro was selected to receive three brownfields cleanup grants. Owensboro (population 55,525) is located in the western Kentucky coal field region on the southern banks of the Ohio River. The city once was an industrial hub that attracted aluminum manufacturers and processors, coal mining, and natural gas transmission operations. By the 1980s, many of these industries had closed, leaving behind abandoned properties scattered throughout the city. The poverty rate in Owensboro is nearly 16 percent, and the median household income is significantly lower than the county or state incomes. Contamination from the cleanup sites is threatening the water supply of surrounding properties as well as the Ohio River. These sites are part of a larger parcel on which the city plans to construct an \$8



### Cleanup Grants



#### \$600,000 for hazardous substances

EPA has selected the City of Owensboro for three brownfields cleanup grants. Hazardous substances grant funds will be used to clean up the former Jackson's Pronto Cleaners site at 911 Allen Street and two other adjacent sites at 100 East 9th Street and 1003 Allen Street. Jackson's Pronto Cleaners operated from 1954 to 2000. Dry cleaning chemicals and byproducts have been detected in both the soil and groundwater. Grant funds will be used to complete cleanup plans, clean up above-ground and subsurface contamination, perform sampling, and conduct community outreach activities.

### Contacts

For further information, including specific grant contacts, additional grant information, brownfields news and events, and publications and links, visit the EPA Brownfields web site at: [www.epa.gov/brownfields](http://www.epa.gov/brownfields).

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million public safety operations and training center that will combine local and federal law enforcement services and foster partnerships throughout the region.